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TAGS: PINT, PDIP, PEPR, SF (TRANSKEI)

SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA AND TRANSKEI AGREE TO MAINTAIN CONTACT

DESPITE DIPLOMATIC BREAK

1. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE SAG FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA AND TRANSKEI DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GEORGE MATANZIMA, ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER KOYANA, MET IN EAST LONDON APRIL 26 TO DISCUSS SAG DISASTER RELIEF AID FOR STORM-DAMAGED PARTS OF TRANSKEI AND THE FUTURE OF THEIR RELATIONS. BOTHA LATER TOLD REPORTERS THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED TO PERMIT THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS, ALL WITH DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY, TO LOOK AFTER THE INTEREST OF EACH STATE IN THE OTHER'S TERRITORY. IN AN UNUSUAL VARIATION OF THE NORMAL PRACTICE OF PROTECTING (THIRD) POWERS, BOTHA INDICATED THE SAG WOULD "APPOINT AN OFFICIAL WITH THE NECESSARY PERSONNEL (NATIONALITY NOT SPECIFIED) TO LOOK AFTER TRANSKEI'S INTERESTS" IN SOUTH AFRICA AND TRANSKEI

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WOULD DO LIKEWISE IN ITS COUNTRY. MATANZIMA EMPHASIZED THE UNDERSTANDING DID NOT MEAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE RESTORED.

2. COMMENT: PRESS HAS SPECULATED, AND WE TEND TO AGREE, THAT THIS PROBABLY MEANS ONLY THE TOP DIPLOMATS IN THE RESPECTIVE MISSIONS MAY BE SENT HOME BUT OTHERWISE CONTACTS WILL CONTINUE

AT A LOWER LEVEL. SUCH A STEP BACK FROM A TOTAL OFFICIAL
RUPTURE WOULD MEAN THAT ASIDE FROM THE CEREMONIAL DEPARTURES
OF SOME SENIOR PERSONNEL, LITTLE HAS CHANGED IN SAG-GOT
RELATIONSHIP AS A RESULT OF THE "BREAK". THERE HAS BEEN NO
REDUCTION IN SAG FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (SEPTTEL), SAG SECONDED
ADVISORS ALL REMAIN AND TRAVEL AND COMMERCE HAVE NOT BEEN
AFFECTED.
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